

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims of the application as amended above in view of the following remarks.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 10 is amended to state that the mixture of polyurethane is adapted to be sprayed on a mold to form a polyurethane skin.

Claims 1, 5-7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schneider et al. '283. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schneider '732. Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider '732 in view of Donatti et al. Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being over Schneider '732 in view of Swirlein.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 2. Applicants traverse the rejection based upon the proposed combination of Schneider '732 and Donatti. The Donatti patent (USPN 6,991,180) was filed on October 1, 2004 and issued on January 31, 2006. The present application has a priority date and filing date of April 2, 2004 which precedes the filing date of Donatti '180. The Donatti '180 reference is not properly cited against Applicants' invention because it is not prior art to Applicants' invention. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection and pass this case to issue.

Further, the prior art made of record but not relied upon by the Examiner comprising the Meyer patent which is cited for disclosing a polyurethane spraying apparatus with a color constituent does not disclose or render obvious the invention as claimed in amended claim 1. While technically prior art, due to its earlier invention date, the Meyer patent teaches recirculation of polyurethane components A and B, but instead teaches away from the claimed concept of recirculating polyol, isocyanate, and a pigmented polyol component. Instead, Meyer teaches that the colored liquid C need not be recirculated due to its formulation, but is injected into the mixing chamber with isocyanate liquid A and resin liquid B. (Meyer U.S. Patent 3,791,631, col. 4, ll. 26-65.) In the claimed invention, each of the recirculating fluid circuits is in fluid flow communication with one of the three supply


sources, polyol, isocyanate and pigmented polyol and all three components require recirculation.

Applicants have amended the claims of the application to place this case in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issue.

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